

The Riches of Grace Sunday 5th February

Foundation Scriptures:

Job 29:20: "My glory [is] fresh within me, and my bow is renewed in my hand."

Grace on the inside produces glory on the outside.

Ephesians 3:8: "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the <u>unsearchable riches of</u> <u>Christ</u>,"

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These sermon notes will unpack some of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We have previously established that a Fresh Start is all about what:

1. What God has done

2. What God is doing

3. What God will do

If there is anything of concern in your life, read **Ephesians 1:3-10** for transformation, and assurance of a fresh start.

Also see Isaiah 43:18-19.

Be encouraged that blessings from God come from heaven, cannot tarnish or fade, and outlast time.

For more context, see **Revelation 21:5** and **Isaiah 42:8-9**.

You are Chosen!

Ephesians 1:5 speaks about predestination. '*Predestined*' means that your destiny has been marked out.

God chose you from eternity past to have a unique purpose and destiny.

You are chosen; you were selected by God! (See **Ephesians 1:4**.)

God chose and selected you for salvation. (See **2 Thessalonians 2:13**.)

God selected you for a reason; He had you on His mind from eternity past.

It is not about what you have done, it is about what God has done; He has selected you.

See Ephesians 1:4-5 and Romans 8:15.

5 Riches/Dimensions of Christ's Grace

- 1. Chosen
- 2. Adoption
- 3. Redemption
- 4. Wisdom and Prudence
- 5. Stewardship

For more context, see **Colossians 1:13**.

There was a 'train' that destined us for hell, but God took us off that train! He chose us and changed our eternal destination to Heaven!

<u>3 Things our Progressive Personal Pursuit of God (PPPoG) Produces:</u>

1. Fresh **HEART** of love (see **2 Corinthians 5:14**).

2. Fresh **REVELATION** of God (see **2 Corinthians 5:11**).

3. Fresh **ANOINTING** for the up-to-date task (see **2 Corinthians 5:15**).

Hence, in our progressive personal pursuit of God as a church in the spiritual state of a young man, our strength will be from a place of a:

1. Fresh heart

2. Fresh revelation

3. Fresh anointing

Lastly...

The work of the enemy is for us to forget who we are in Christ, and not enjoy a fresh start.

The enemy may try to waylay us in our minds, but we must cry out: 'Abba Father' and answer every lie with the Word of God.

By the grace of God, may we all enjoy a fresh start!

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